



REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 10-15 and the indication that claims 22 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is appreciated.

Claims 16-18, 20-21, 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Thomas, Jr.

By this amendment, claim 16, the independent claim upon which all of the other rejected claims are dependent, has been amended to include the limitation that at least one of the sleeves of the box forming part of the duct detector housing has an inner notched first end and a second outer end and a slot extending continuously between the first and second ends and adapted to pass the conduit tab therebetween. It is respectfully submitted that Thomas, Jr. does not include this feature, which is included in the allowed claims and clearly distinguishes the present invention from Thomas, Jr.

It is respectfully submitted that with this amendment, the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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